(b) what steps are being taken to remove their unemployment; and

(c) whether Government are contemplating to ban private practice by doctors in Government service and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The number of medical graduates including postgraduates who were on the live register of employment exchanges as on the 30th June, 1986 is 25613.

(b) Public Health being a State subject, it is basically for the State Governments to evolve suitable employment schemes for utilising the services of available stock of doctors. Further, unemployed doctors can avail of financial assistance under the scheme for professionals and employed persons from the commercial banks.

(c) In accordance with the National Health Policy which has already been approved by the Parliament, the State Governments have been requested to take steps to phase out the system of private practice by medical personnel in Government service, providing at the same time for payment of appropriate compensatory non-practising allowance. As regards doctors in Central Govt. service, private practice is not allowed and they are sanctioned non-practising allowance.

DTC losses

193. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total loss suffered by the Delhi Transport Corporation during the year 1986-87;

(b) what are the reasons for these losses; and

(c) what steps are being taken to overcome these losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) During April, 1986 to February, 1987 the working loss incurred by DTC amounted to Rs. 38.30 crores.

(b) The revision of fares in February, 1986 effected only partial neutralization of the working losses of DTC. The hike in the material and labour input costs since then has added to its working losses.

(c) The charges for special hire and school buses have been revised. The other steps taken are introduction of economy measures in operations, maintenance and administration, plugging of leakages in revenue through improved and intensive checking and introduction of incentive measures to achieve higher productivity and reduce per unit cost.

Setting up of National Institute for promotion of adventure

194. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to set-up a National Institute for promotion of adventure in the country;

(b) if so, when it is likely to be set-up and what are the details of the site selected, and funds allocated for this purpose; and

(c) the extent to which it is expected to benefit the various youth activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) A suggestion to set-up a National Institute of Adventure has been received. No final decision has yet been taken.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Admission to Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi

195. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware

that since the grant of autonomy to Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi in 1972, the admission of students to the under-graduate courses had been done without any Rules being framed;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take for framing the Rules for admission and for ensuring admission as per Rules after the grant of deemed University status to the Institute;

(c) whether it is a fact that in Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi, the students getting about thirty seven percent marks are awarded first class in under-graduate classes; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Admission to Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi are made on the basis of All India Entrance Examinations conducted by this Institute followed by an interview.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Derailment of Bombay-Howrah mail

196. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Calcutta-bound one down Bombay-Howrah mail jumped the rails at Mahali Marup railway stations, 28 KM from Chakradharpur railway station on 31st March, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the causes of the accident; and

(c) whether any inquiry has since been conducted, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Enquiry by a team of Administrative Officers is in progress. Preliminary investigations indicate that the derailment occurred due to the alternator assembly of a coach dropping down on the track.

Statutory warning on cigarette packets

197. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that cigarette manufacturers put the statutory warning "smoking is injurious to health" in an unconspicuous manner in the advertisements of their brands;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to do in this regard; and

(c) whether Government propose to launch a special campaign to educate people about injurious effects of smoking?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) A comprehensive Plan of Action against tobacco use in the country has been prepared and the following measures in this direction have been recently approved by the Govt. for further action:

(i) For making statutory warning more effective in the mind of consumers, use of other telling slogans in addition to present warning and using a universally known danger signal like "Crossed-bones and a Skull".

(ii) Printing of statutory warning in two languages viz. English and Hindi or the Regional Language at the point of sale.